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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ;
ET AL;
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
450 AVENUE P,
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
8/22/72
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ReNYrep of SA [REDACTED] 2/7/73.

On 2/16/73, AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY, advised that JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ plead guilty to count two of the indictment charging him with violation of Title 18, USC, Section 2113 (d), before USDJ TRAVIA, EDNY. Sentencing of WOJTOWICZ to take place on 3/23/73.

AUSA CLAREY further advised that the possibility exists that [REDACTED] intends to go to trial in this matter.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will follow and report results at prosecution.

- (2) - Bureau 1 cc Rm 4240
1 - Newark (15-39560) (INFO)
1 - New Haven (15-8766) (INFO)
1 - Philadelphia (INFO)
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ReNYrep of SA [REDACTED], 2/7/73.

On 3/23/73, AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY, advised that
subject [REDACTED] plead guilty to violation of USC,
Title 18, Section 371, count four at the indictment for
his participation in captioned matter. No date has been
set for sentencing.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will follow and report
results of prosecution at EDNY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: May 1, 1973

FROM : R. F. Bates

1 - Mr. Gebhardt

1 - [redacted]

1 - Mr. Bates

1 - [redacted]

SUBJECT: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING STATISTICS

Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Baker _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Gebhardt _____
Mr. Jenkins _____
Mr. Marshall _____
Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Mr. Thompson _____
Mr. Walters _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Kinley _____
Mr. Armstrong _____
Mr. Bowers _____
Mr. Herington _____
Ms. Herwig _____
Mr. Mintz _____
Mrs. Neenan _____

No hijacking or attempted hijacking of U. S. registered aircraft has taken place since January 2, 1973. The following figures represent no change since a previous memorandum of March 30, 1973.

	<u>Skyjacking Attempts</u>	<u>Successful Skyjackings</u>	<u>Percentage of Successful Attempts</u>
1969	39	33	87%
1970	26	19	73%
1971	27	11	41%
1972	35	10	29%
1973 (thru 4/30/73)	1	0	0%

On April 23, 1973 John S. Wojtowicz, who with two associates held up a Brooklyn branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank and obtained over \$32,000 in cash and over \$150,000 in travelers' checks, was sentenced in New York City by Judge Anthony J. Travia to 20 years imprisonment. Wojtowicz stated he planned the robbery because he desperately needed money to finance a sex-change operation for his homosexual lover. The holdup men demanded an airplane be made ready to take them to an unspecified location. At Kennedy International Airport, one of the holdup men was shot and killed by an FBI Agent as they prepared to board a jet.

ACTION:

For information.

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Mrs. Neenan _____

TO :
FROM :

MR. FELT

DATE: 3/6/73

R. J. BAKER

1 - Mr. Baker
1 - Jenkins

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED WARNER BROTHERS MOVIE
RE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK ROBBERY,
NEW YORK CITY, 8/22-23/72

Reference is made to a memorandum from [redacted]

to Mr. Jenkins, 2/6/73, relative to the above matter, and specifically referring to Warner Brothers' desire to secure a release from me in connection with the making of the above movie. At that time I pointed out that the release was so broadly worded that, in signing it, I would surrender any rights to object to the script or the manner in which a portrayal was made; further, that by refusing to sign, Warner Brothers would not be prevented from making the film, but perhaps would be a little more sensitive in their handling of the script, casting of actors, and direction. Mr. Gray agreed.

I have now been contacted by [redacted] of Warner Brothers, who advised Warner Brothers has purchased the rights to the story from Life Magazine, and has retained [redacted] Life Magazine, and one other Life Magazine employee, as consultants in the preparation of the script. [redacted] and the third individual would like to come down to discuss this matter briefly with me, particularly the salient points of the case along the lines of my earlier conversation with [redacted] (It will be recalled that, with the approval of Mr. Gray, I talked with [redacted] on 8/30/72, concerning my activities in connection with this case.)

RECOMMENDATION -

In view of the earlier discussion with [redacted] it is felt it would be desirable to talk with these people at this time, to make sure the Bureau's role in this case is properly explained. If approved, [redacted] would like to set up an appointment for Thursday, 3/8/73, to come in and talk with me.

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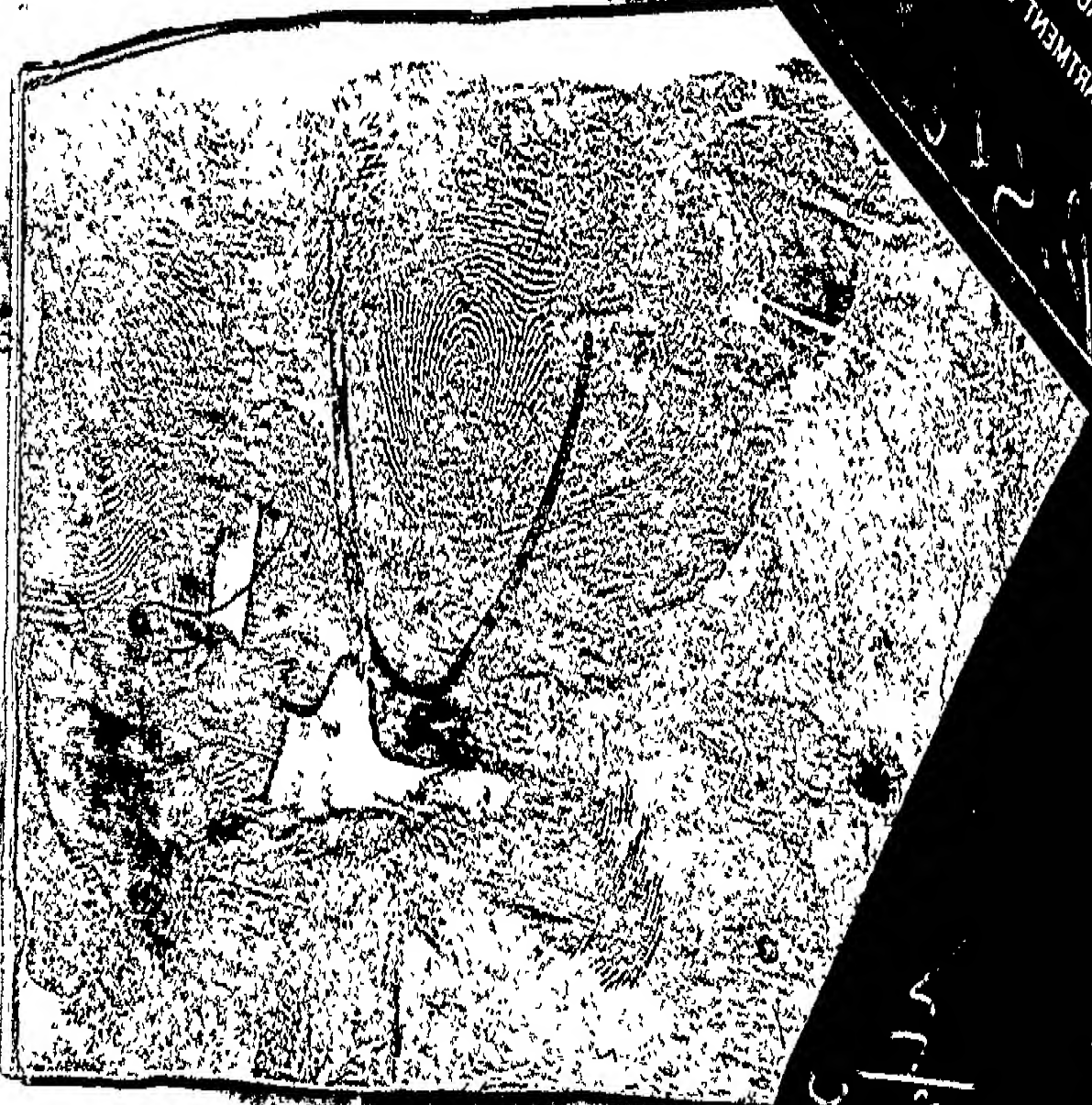
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et al;
Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Ave. P.
Brooklyn, New York, 8-22-72
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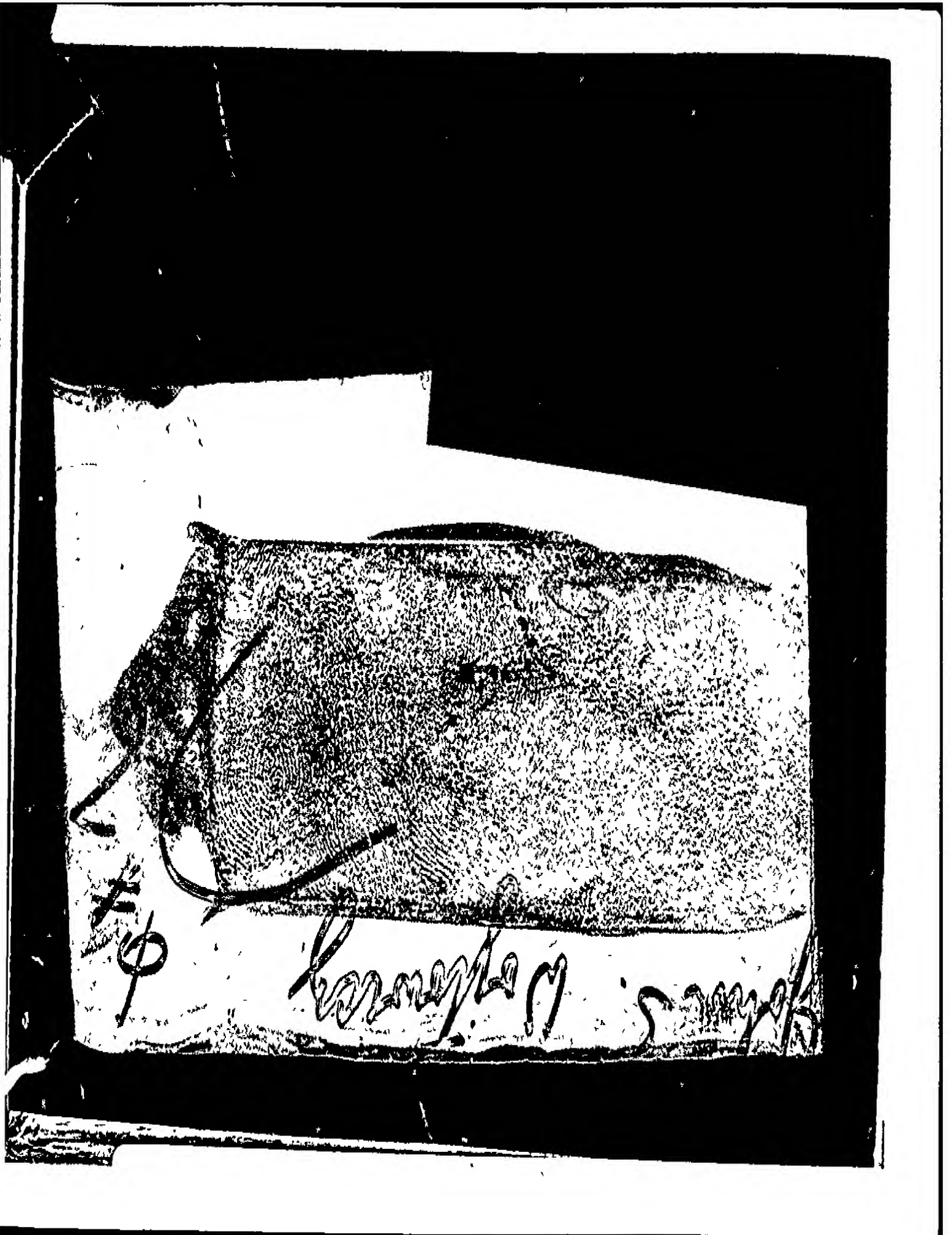
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"Work Room Ray Door"



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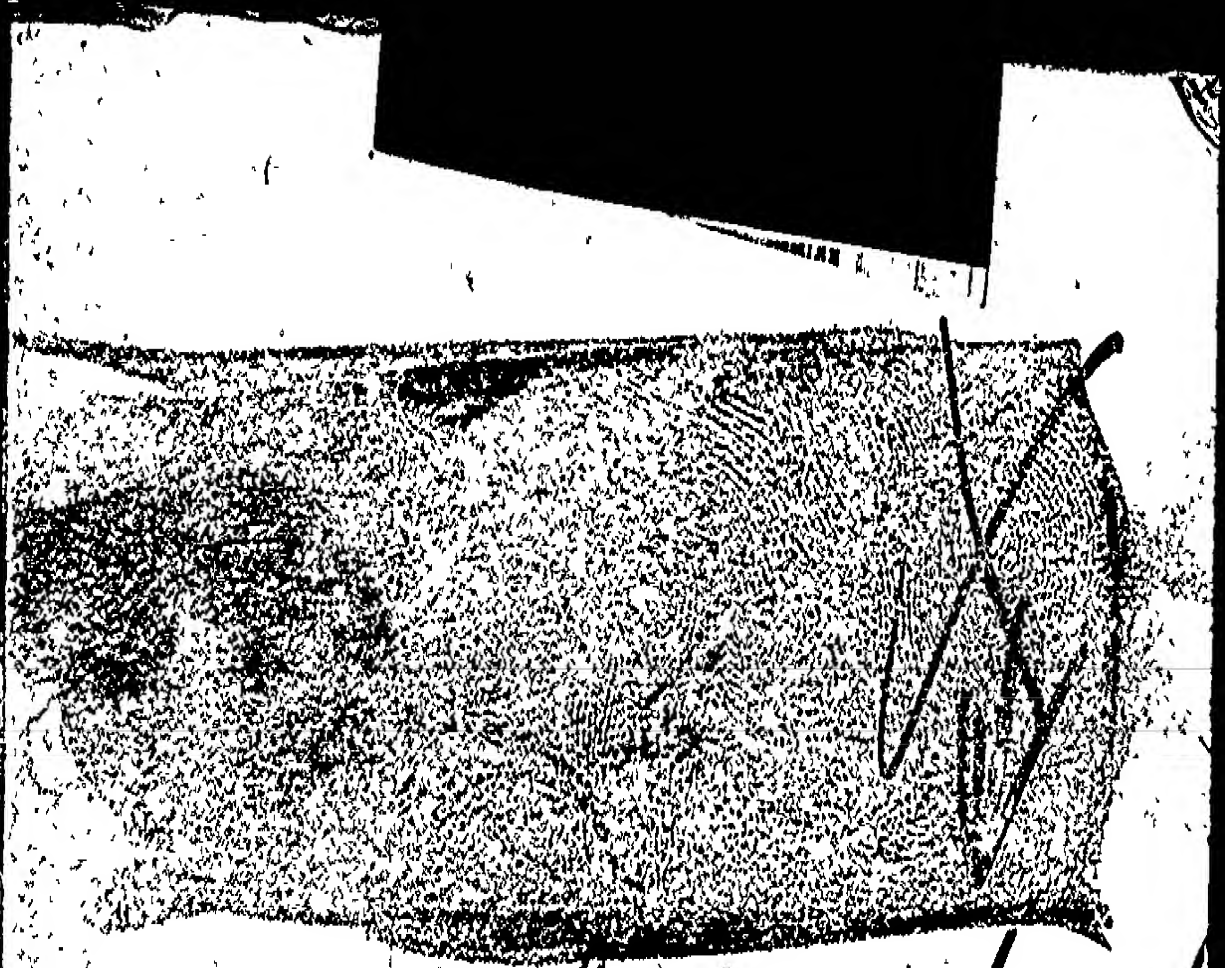
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Wojtowicz

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6/8/73

TO: SAC, New York (91-12002)

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FROM: Acting Director, FBI (91-44808)

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;

ET AL;

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

450 AVENUE P

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

8/22/72

BANK ROBBERY

By nitel dated 1/11/73, you advised that SAC, New York and selected personnel will review film prepared by NBC and ABC News of captioned matter. Promptly advise status of your selection of footage suitable for training purposes as set forth in aforementioned nitel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUN 22 1973	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/20/73 - 6/14/73
TITLE OF CASE JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, aka John Wojtowicz, Joseph P. Goodman;		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY cmc
CHARACTER OF CASE SALVATORE NATURALE, aka Donald Matterson, Salvatore Naturile (Deceased);		BR	
(TITLE CONTINUED ON COVER PAGE -B-)			

REFERENCE:

New York report of SA [REDACTED], 2/7/73;
 New York airtel to Bureau, 2/20/73;
 New York airtel to Bureau, 3/23/73;
 New York airtel to Bureau, 4/27/73.

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ENCLOSURES:To the Bureau

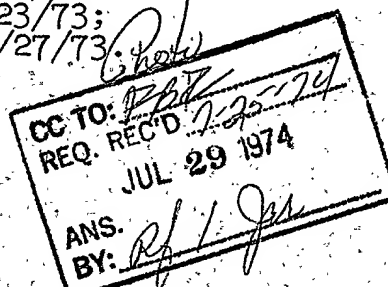
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(2) Three copies of Parole Report in name of [REDACTED]

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						PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
450 AVENUE P,
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8/22/72

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(3) One copy of Final Disposition Report in name of
WOJTOWICZ.

[REDACTED] (4) One copy of Final Disposition Report in name of

ADMINISTRATIVE:

For the information of the Bureau, it is noted that the investigative period of this report is lengthy and that the submission of the Parole Report has been delayed; however, the Bureau was advised of the sentencing of the subjects by referenced airtel on 4/27/73. The reporting agent was on special assignment at Wounded Knee, South Dakota during the month of April and on subpoena to Los Angeles, California during May, followed by two weeks emergency annual leave.

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LEADS:

NEWARK

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY. Will follow leads as previously set forth.

NEW HAVEN

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Will follow leads as previously set forth.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with AUSA BANCROFT LITTLEFIELD, SDNY, regarding possible subpoena of [redacted] before FGJ, SDNY.

2. Will continue efforts to determine if [redacted] has any more weapons in his possession from the New Haven theft (NHfile 15-39560).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONb6
b7CCopy to: 1-USA, EDNY (ATTENTION: AUSA CLAREY)
1-USA, SDNY (ATTENTION: AUSA LITTLEFIELD)

Report of:

Date:

JUN 22 1973

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 91-12002

Bureau File #: 91-44808

Title:

JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ;

[REDACTED]
SALVATORE NATURALE;
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
450 AVENUE P,
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK,
AUGUST 22, 1972

Synopsis:

Character: BANK ROBBERY

Synopsis : On 2/16/73, JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ plead guilty to count two of indictment charging him with violation of T18, USC, Sect. 2113 (d). On 3/23/73, [REDACTED] plead guilty to count four of indictment charging him with violation of T18, USC, Section 371. On 3/23/73, AUSA LITTLEFIELD, SDNY, advised that he is assigned to this matter for any possible prosecution in SDNY. On 4/23/73, WOJTOWICZ was sentenced by the Honorable ANTHONY TRAVIA, USDJ, EDNY, to serve 20 yrs. for violation of T18, USC, Section 2113 (d). On 4/23/73, [REDACTED] was sentenced by Judge TRAVIA, USDJ, EDNY, to serve 2 yrs. for violation of USC, T18, Sect. 371. On 6/13/73, \$198,881.55 in bank funds returned to officials of captioned bank. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

On February 20, 1973, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT CLAREY, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), advised that JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ plead guilty to count two of the indictment charging him with violation of United States Code (USC) Title 18, Section 2113 (d), before the Honorable ANTHONY TRAVIA, United States District Judge (USDJ), EDNY.

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On February 28, 1973, the Philadelphia Division reported that [redacted] Records Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, advised that Pennsylvania license [redacted] is registered to [redacted] serial number [redacted]

On March 6, 1973, a review of the files of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD), Bureau of Criminal Identification, reflected that [redacted] had been arrested on [redacted] of the Penal Code, no disposition was reflected.

On March 23, 1973, AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY, advised that [redacted] plead guilty to count four of the indictment charging him with violation of USC, Title 18, Section 371, before Judge TRAVIA, USDJ, EDNY.

On March 23, 1973, AUSA BANCROFT LITTLEFIELD, III, Southern District of New York (SDNY), advised that he has been assigned this case for prosecution of purposes for violations within the SDNY. He stated that at the present time he is not considering having [redacted] testify before a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ).

On March 26, 1973, [redacted] 10th Detective District (10th DD), New York City Police Department (NYCPD) advised that all property obtained during the search of the vehicle driven by WOJTOWICZ at the time of captioned robbery had been vouchered at the 61st Precinct, NYCPD, and that this property had been furnished to the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was advised of the guilty pleas entered by WOJTOWICZ, and [redacted]

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On April 9, 1973, the Newark Division advised that from the description furnished by [redacted] during interview, it was determined that [redacted]

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On April 23, 1973, JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ was sentenced by Judge TRAVIA, USDJ, EDNY, to serve twenty (20) years in the custody of the United States Attorney General (USAG) for violation of USC, Title 18, Section 2113 (d), concerning the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 23, 1972.

On June 13, 1973, the \$198,881.55 in bank funds which was held as evidence by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was returned to bank officials after authorization was received from AUSA CLAREY, EDNY. A receipt was obtained and is being retained by the New York Division.

PAROLE REPORT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date JUN 22 1973
Name of Convict with Aliases: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ	Report Made By <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	Typed By cmc
	Violation: BANK ROBBERY	

Outline of Offense: On August 22, 1973, JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, accompanied by and SALVATORE NATURALE (Deceased), entered the Chase Manhattan Bank, 420 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and at gunpoint held nine employees hostage while obtaining bank funds. WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE were still inside the bank when police officers from the New York City Police Department arrived at the scene. After several hours inside the bank during which WOJTOWICZ fired one shot he demanded a plane and escorted by hostages he was driven to the airport where NATURALE was killed and WOJTOWICZ apprehended.

Date and place of indictment; August 31, 1972, Eastern District of New York (EDNY)
or information filed:

Code and section under which charged: United States Code, Title 18, Section 2113 (a)(d)(e),
2, and 371

Section under which sentenced: United States Code, Title 18, Section 2113 (d)

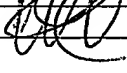
Date and nature of plea: Guilty, February 16, 1973

Date and place of conviction: April 23, 1973, Eastern District of New York

Date and duration of sentence: Twenty (20) years in custody of United States Attorney
General

Fines: None

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances: There are no known mitigating circumstances.

Approved 	Special Agent in Charge	Do Not Write in Spaces Below	
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PAROLE REPORT

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date JUN 22 1973
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	Violation: BANK ROBBERY	

Outline of Offense: On August 22, 1973, [redacted] accompanied by JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, and SALVATORE NATURALE (Deceased), entered the Chase Manhattan Bank, 420 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), with the intent to rob same. [redacted] carried the rifle and shotgun into the bank concealed in a box. [redacted] admitted that he intended to furnish the demand note to the bank manager, but at the last minute he changed his mind and ran out of the bank. [redacted] surrendered on August 24, 1973, after NATURALE had been killed and WOJTOWICZ apprehended on August 23, 1973.

Date and place of indictment; August 31, 1972, Eastern District of New York
or information filed:

Code and section under which charged: United States Code, Title 18, Section 2113 (a)(d)(e), 2, and 371.

Section under which sentenced: United States Code, Title 18, Section 371.

Date and nature of plea: March 23, 1973, Guilty

Date and place of conviction: April 23, 1973, Eastern District of New York

Date and duration of sentence: April 23, 1973, two (2) years custody of United States Attorney General

Fines: None

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances: There are no known mitigating circumstances

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b7CNew York, ReNYairtel to Bureau, 4/27/73 and Buairtel to
6/8/73.

On 6/13/73, [redacted] American Broadcasting Company, New York, New York, advised that ABC is preparing a copy of their film footage, appropriate for training purposes, of captioned matter. This copy will be on 16 mm film with sound. The cost of this reproduction is expected to be less than \$100. As soon as this film is received, the Bureau will be advised.

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Attempts to contact [redacted] American Broadcasting Company (ABC), New York, New York, on 7/11/73, 7/18/73 and 7/24/73, have met with unproductive results. [redacted] advised on 6/8/73, that he would contact the NYO when the news film of the captioned robbery had been copied. According to [redacted] he is presently in Chicago on business and is expected to return sometime next week.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will obtain film from [redacted] ABC, and forward same to Bureau.

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ReNYairtel to Bureau, dated 7/24/73.

On 8/9/73, [redacted] American Broadcasting Company (ABC), 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, telephone number LT 1-7888, advised that the delay in printing the news film of captioned BR has been caused by the summer vacation of the engineers at ABC. He anticipates that the film should be completed in approximately two weeks.

LEADNEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will contact [redacted] after 8/23/73 to determine if film is completed.

2. Will forward film to Bureau.

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UNSUB; Theft Of 6
Colt .38 Caliber Cobra Revolvers
SNS B75771, B76655, B76842,
B77465, B79292, B79604,
From United Parcel Service
About 9/22/71
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Enclosed under separate cover for NH is one Colt Cobra
.38 Caliber Revolver, serial number 76655.

For the information of the Bureau and NH, on 8/10/73,
AUSA BANCROFT LITTLEFIELD, III, SDNY, was contacted regarding
the disposition of the weapon recovered in NY from JOHN S.
WOJTOWICZ. AUSA LITTLEFIELD's opinion was that this weapon should
be returned to the proper officials at Colt Industries at Hartford
Connecticut, not to United Parcel Service (UPS), NY, NY. In view
of prosecutive opinion of AUSA LITTLEFIELD, SDNY, the Colt Cobra
.38 Caliber Revolver is being forwarded to NH for disposal.

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① - Newark (15-39560)
3 - New Haven (15-8766) (Enclosure 1) (RM) (RE)
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For the information of the Bureau, all logical investigation has been conducted at NY regarding "UNSUB; Theft Of 6 Colt .38 Caliber Cobra Revolvers From UPS, About 9/22/71", (NHfile 15-8766). Only one weapon was recovered by the NY Division during captioned bank robbery. NK reported recovery of one weapon from a subject on 9/8/72. NH previously requested that NY be made office of origin based on the fact that one weapon was recovered in NY and that [redacted] stated during interview that the source of these weapons was located in [redacted]

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The Bureau is requested to designate NH as the logical office of origin in this matter due to the shipment originating at Hartford, Connecticut, all records being located at NH, all weapons recovered to be returned to NH, original NCIC entries were made by NH, theft possibly occurred at NH, and investigation to recover four remaining weapons should be coordinated by NH Division. Further, on 8/10/73, AUSA LITTLEFIELD, SDNY, advised that any prosecution in captioned TFIS matter should take place in NH.

In view of the above, NY is considering NH as the office of origin in captioned TFIS matter, UACB.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow leads as previously set forth.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 9/21/73

FROM : R. J. BAKER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED WARNER BROTHERS MOVIE
RE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK ROBBERY,
NEW YORK CITY, 8/22-23/72

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Representatives of Warner Brothers have previously contacted the Bureau advising that they contemplated making a movie of the above-captioned bank robbery. This bank robbery received wide media coverage as a colorful case since it involved two admitted male homosexuals who held nine hostages in the bank and demanded an airplane to take them out of the country. After many hours of negotiations, the case was successfully concluded at the J. F. Kennedy Airport with the arrest of one subject and the killing of the other by Bureau personnel. I was the #1 Man to the Assistant Director in New York at the time of the bank robbery and was in charge at the bank and the airport since the Assistant Director was out of the division at the time.

Warner Brothers purchased the movie rights from Life Magazine which had printed an extensive article and contacted the Bureau for whatever assistance it could render. With the approval of former Acting Director Gray, I talked with Warner Brothers personnel on two occasions furnishing them the essential facts of the case to insure that the Bureau's role was properly depicted. One of those I talked with was [redacted] who apparently is playing a major role in the production of the movie.

[redacted] contacted me telephonically on the afternoon of 9/20/73 from New York. He related that Warner Brothers is going ahead with the production of the movie, that one [redacted] (phonetic) is writing the screen play and since [redacted] had not previously been involved in the earlier discussions, [redacted] felt that it was important from the standpoint of an accurate portrayal in the script that [redacted] talk with me briefly. He stated that [redacted] would be able to come to Washington at a mutually convenient time within the next week if possible for this purpose.

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Memo R. J. Baker to Mr. Callahan
Re: Proposed Warner Brothers Movie re
Chase Manhattan Bank Robbery,
New York City, 8/22-23/72

RECOMMENDATION

Since the Bureau enjoys a warm relationship with Warner Brothers and also in view of our past cooperation with their representatives in connection with the production of this movie, it is recommended that I be authorized to make an appointment with [] and discuss this bank robbery with him along the same lines that I have done previously.

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RJB *PR* *H* *[Signature]*

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Date: 9/26/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)
 (ATT: TRAINING DIVISION)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)
 SUBJECT: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;
 ET AL;
 CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
 450 AVENUE P
 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
 8/22/72
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Enclosed for the Bureau are three containers of
 film.

On 9/21/73, [redacted] American Broad-
 casting Company (ABC), 1330 Avenue of Americas, New York,
 New York, telephone LT 1-7888, advised that the news film
 in captioned BR had still not been duplicated due to a
 pressing work load. [redacted] advised that the original film
 could be immediately made available instead if the FBI Lab
 in Washington, D.C. could copy whatever portions of the film
 were desired and return the originals. [redacted] again
 stated that the film was to be used only for training pur-
 poses. He advised that the film could be obtained from [redacted]
 [redacted] for ABC News.

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On 9/21/73, [REDACTED] ABC News, 77 West 66th Street, NYC, NY, furnished the three enclosed containers of film of captioned BR. A receipt was given for the film and [REDACTED] was advised that the film would be returned to him after FBI Headquarters was finished with it.

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The enclosed film was reviewed at the NYO and it appears that some portions of the film have very good potential for inclusion in training film. It should be noted, however, that no attempt has been made to edit this film as NYO is not knowledgeable as to specific desires of Training Division in proposed training film. Therefore, available film being furnished to FBI Headquarters for review and editing if FBI Headquarters decides to utilize portion of this film in preparation of training film.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will contact AUSA regarding disposal of remaining evidence in this case and bring this matter to a logical conclusion.

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10/12/73

TO: SAC, New York (91-12002)

FROM: Director, FBI (91-44808)

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JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL.
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
450 AVENUE P
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
8/22/72
BANK ROBBERY

Reurnitel 10/12/73, concerning SA
appearance before Queens County Grand Jury (QCGJ) on 10/18/73.

Following SA appearance before QCGJ, submit
nitel summary 10/18/73, concerning disposition this matter.

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October 12, 1973
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

In way of background, this concerns the highly publicized bank robbery on 8/22/72, of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Brooklyn, New York, by two armed subjects who took nine hostages at bank and demanded jet air transportation from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), Queens, to unspecified location. In this matter, subject Salvatore Naturale fatally shot by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], New York Office (NYO), during early morning hours of 8/23/72, at JFKIA.

Referenced teletypes advised SA [REDACTED] received subpoena to appear before Queens County Grand Jury (QCGJ) 10/4/73, continued to 10/18/73. Inquiry is for purpose of clearing files regarding homicide involving law enforcement officer, which is usual procedure in New York.

Attached indicates matter discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) Boyd, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), who advised NYO that SA [REDACTED] testimony in this matter will not establish precedent which would bind Bureau to follow procedure in any future case. NYO advised it is anticipated there will be no difficulty whatsoever in obtaining ruling of justifiable homicide.

SA [REDACTED] willing to testify and will appear with AUSA Clearey, EDNY, who will afford SA [REDACTED] any legal assistance needed.

NYO will be instructed to follow and keep Bureau advised of SA [REDACTED] appearance before QCGJ.

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2:08AM NITEL 10-12-73 DXM

TO DIRECTOR 91-44808

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
450 AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NY, 8-22-72, BR.

REFERENCE NY NITELS TO BUREAU, 9/28, 10/2/73.

THE QUESTION REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TESTIFYING BEFORE A QUEENS GRAND JURY IN THIS CASE
WAS THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITH AUSA EDWARD BOYD V, EDNY.

CONSIDERING ALL THE FACTORS INVOLVED, THE NYO IS OF
THE OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE BUREAU AND
SA [REDACTED] IF HE TESTIFIED AS REQUESTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
THE LOCAL GRAND JURY INQUIRY INTO THIS MATTER IS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CLEARING THEIR FILES REGARDING THE HOMICIDE
INVOLVING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, WHICH IS THE USUAL
PROCEDURE IN NY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO
DIFFICULTY WHATSOEVER IN OBTAINING A RULING OF JUSTIFIABLE
HOMICIDE.

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SA [REDACTED] IS WILLING TO TESTIFY AND WILL APPEAR AS
REQUESTED IN THE COMPANY OF AUSA ROBERT CLEAREY, EDNY, WHO
WILL AFFORD SA [REDACTED] ANY LEGAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED.

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AUSA BOYD FURTHER ADVISED THAT SA TESTIMONY
IN THIS MATTER WILL NOT ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD
BIND THE BUREAU TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE IN ANY FUTURE CASE.

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CC: Mr. Walsh

Mr. Mintz

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TO DIRECTOR (91-44808)

FROM NEW YORK (91-12002) 1 PAGE

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ ET AL CHASE MANHATTAN BANK 450 AVENUE P
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 8-22-72 BR

ON 9-28-73, SA [REDACTED] NYO RECEIVED SUBPOENA TO
APPEAR BEFORE QUEENS GRAND JURY ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 4, 1973,
REGARDING SALVATORE NATURALE, WHO WAS KILLED BY ABOVE AGENT
DURING CAPTIONED BR. THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH USA,
EDNY ON MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 1973 IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A RULING
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND OTHER
SIMILAR MATTERS INVOLVING OTHER FEDERAL OFFICERS.

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TO DIRECTOR (91-44808)

ATT: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSELING

FROM NEW YORK (91-12002) 2P

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JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ, ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
450 AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 8-22-72, BR, 00:NY.

THIS IS THE CASE IN WHICH SALVATORE NATURALE WAS
SHOT AND KILLED BY SA [REDACTED] WHILE HE AND A CON-
FEDERATE WERE ATTEMPTING TO COMMANDEER AN AIRCRAFT, WHILE
HOLDING HOSTAGES AT GUNPINT, AFTER HAVING ATTEMPTED TO
ROB A BANK IN BROOKLYN ON 8-22-72. SA [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY
BEEN SUBPOENAED BEFORE A STATE GRAND JURY FOR A HOMICIDE
DETERMINATION, HOWEVER THE GRAND JURY INQUIRY WAS CANCELLED
BY THE THEN DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SA [REDACTED] HAS AGAIN BEEN
SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY ON 10-04-73, WHICH HAS BEEN CONTINUED
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TO 10-18-73.

AUSA ROBERT CLEARY, EDNY, HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND

HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INQUIRY INTO
THE KILLING OF A FEDERAL SUBJECT, DURING THE COMMISSION OF A
FEDERAL CRIME COULD BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY OF DETERMINING

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THAT THE HOMICIDE WAS JUSTIFIABLE.

NEW YORK IS DESIROUS OF BRINGING THE ENTIRE MATTER TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND PROTECTING THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BUREAU.

THE LEGAL SECTION IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO ADVISE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT IF APPROPRIATE, WHETHER THE MOST PREFERABLE MEASURE OF PRESENTING THE MATTER TO A FEDERAL GRAND JURY WILL SUFFICE TO ESTABLISH JUSTIFIABLE NATURE OF THE HOMICIDE. IF SUCH IS NOT POSSIBLE, NEW YORK RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF A MEDICAL EXAMINERS ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING OR SECONDARILY, A STATE GRAND JURY HEARING USING AN AGENT WITNESS OTHER THAN SA

Matter is being considered by local grand jury which we cannot control except by personal appearance of Agents and on-the-scene consultation with USA. See NYtel. 10/14/73
[Signature]

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IT IS NEW YORKS POSITION THAT A RULING BY THE BUREAU AND, IF APPROPRIATE, THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS AREA, WILL SERVE IN LARGE MEASURE TO ASSIST OTHER OFFICES IN HANDLING THESE SITUATIONS IN A UNIFORM AND ADVANTAGEOUS MANNER.

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cc - Gebhardt

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945PM NITEL 10-18-73 PJR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002 1P

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
450 AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NY, 8/22/72, BANK ROBBERY. OO NEW YORK.

NEW YORK NEW YORK

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO NY, 10/12/73.

ON 10/18/73, SA [] APPEARED BEFORE QUEENS GRAND
JURY TO TESTIFY AS TO CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING KILLING OF SALVATORE
NATURALE. FACTS PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ATTORNEY [] SA [] WAS REQUESTED TO FURNISH TO
THE GRAND JURY NARRATIVE OF FACTS WHICH TRANSPIRED PRIOR TO KILLING
OF NATURALE.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS, ADA [] ADVISED SA
[] THAT GRAND JURY RETURNED VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.
ADA [] ALSO ADVISED THAT THIS MATTER IS NOW CONSIDERED
CLOSED BY HIS OFFICE.

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Date: 11/13/73

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (91-12000) (P)
SUBJECT: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;
ET AL;
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
450 AVENUE P
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
8/22/72

A review of captioned matter reveals only re-
maining investigation is disposal of rifle and shotgun
seized from defendants. New York awaiting issuance of
court order for disposal. No report being submitted by
New York, and New York will advise Bureau when this case
is brought to logical conclusion.

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Assistant Director
New York (91-12002)

11/21/73

Director, FBI (91-44808)

ccs
JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;
ET AL;
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
450 AVENUE P
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
8/22/72
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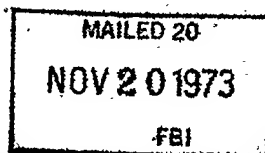
New York airtel dated 9/26/73, enclosed three
containers of unedited film obtained from [redacted]
[redacted] for ABC News, New York, New York. The
film was the live coverage of captioned bank robbery and
was furnished for review by Training Division so that same
could be copied if it was felt it contained any training
potential.

This film was reviewed by a number of personnel
assigned to the Training Division and it is not felt it
has any potential for training purposes. This film is
being forwarded under separate cover to the New York Office
for subsequent return to [redacted]. Please express our
sincere appreciation to his company for allowing us to
preview it.

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Quentin's*)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)

DATE: DEC 20 1973

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT:

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;
ET AL
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
450 AVENUE P,
BROOKLYN, NY,
8/22/72

ReNYairtel to the Bureau, 11/13/73, and
Bulet to NY, 11/21/73.

On 12/5/73, ABC News Film from captioned
bank robbery was returned to [redacted]
[redacted] for ABC News, NY, NY, and receipt for the
film was obtained. [redacted] was thanked for
allowing the FBI to review this film.

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On 12/5/73, [redacted] for
ABC News was likewise contacted and thanked for his
cooperation in allowing the FBI to review this film.

As stated in NY letter to the Bureau, 11/13/73,
NY is continuing to attempt to obtain a court order for
disposal of a rifle and shotgun seized from defendants in
captioned matter. NY will advise the Bureau when this
case is brought to a logical conclusion.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)

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ET AL
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
450 AVE. P,
BROOKLYN, NY
8/22/72

ReNYlet to Bu, 12/20/73.

NY continues to maintain contact with USA, EDNY in attempt to dispose of rifle and shotgun seized from defendants in captioned matter. In view of this, no report being submitted until court order is obtained for disposal of this evidence. NY is attempting to expedite this order so that this case can be brought to logical conclusion.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ
ET AL
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
450 AVENUE P.
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
8/22/72

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ReNY airtel to Bureau, dated 2/27/74.

NY continues to maintain contact with USA, EDNY in attempt to dispose of rifle and shotgun seized from defendants in captioned matter. Inasmuch as this is only remaining investigation, this case should be closed at the Bureau, but New York will keep this case pending until the weapons are disposed of.

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70 JUN 24 1974 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/18/75

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL

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TO: Director, FBI ATTN: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR NICHOLAS J. CALLAHAN

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia

RE: JOHN WOJTOWICZ;
SALVATORE NATUARALE
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
BROOKLYN, N. Y., 8/23/72
BR

The above-captioned bank robbery, as the Bureau is aware, was perpetrated by individuals who were admitted homosexuals and involved the taking of eight hostages who were bank employees. An all night negotiating session resulted that culminated at J. F. Kennedy Airport with the apprehension by Bureau Agents of WOJTOWICZ and the fatal shooting of NATUARALE. Because of the bizarre nature of the crime, it received intensive media coverage and Warner Bros. used it as a basis of a movie script. I am advised the movie was shot last summer at the actual location in Brooklyn with AL PACINO playing WOJTOWICZ' role.

On 6/17/75 I received a telephone call from an individual in New York City, who identified himself as [redacted] associated with Warner Bros. He advised that Warner Bros. has moved forward toward the expected release of this movie, which will take place in New York City in September, with subsequent showing at movie theatres throughout the country. It is to be entitled "Dog Day Afternoon."

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On two occasions, as I recall, in 1973 I was visited at the Bureau by representatives of Warner Bros. The interview was with Bureau approval and was to round out some of the facts concerning the incident so that the Warner Bros. rendition would be as close to the factual situation as possible. It was felt that because of the Bureau's long standing relationship with Warner Bros. the plot would portray the Bureau's

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role in proper perspective. These discussions were very pleasant and the Warner Bros. personnel concerned seemed favorably disposed towards the Bureau.

John Minnick
Subsequently, on a date unrecalled, I was contacted telephonically by a Warner Bros. representative in which he solicited a signed release from me. I discussed this with then Inspector JOHN MINNICK and I recall appropriate memoranda were prepared. It was Mr. MINNICK's advice that I not sign the release and I have abided by this counsel.

Returning to the call from [redacted] he advised Warner Bros. is preparing a half hour documentary for showing on TV which will consist largely of interviews of some of the principals in the case. He said he would like to tape an interview of me in this regard for inclusion in this documentary. I inquired as to whether the documentary would be used as a promotional device for the upcoming film and what exposure it would receive. He responded that it was not intended as a promotional scheme but acknowledged it could have some effect in this regard. Further, he did not believe that the major networks would "buy" this documentary, but it was anticipated that it would be shown on public service and educational type TV channels, and being a documentary would be prepared with an objective format.

I told [redacted] I was not aware of the manner in which the Bureau or I had been portrayed in the movie and I felt it was essential that I be made aware of this prior to any further consideration being given to my participation in the documentary. He agreed to this condition and said he would look into whether I could view the film which, while not having been totally edited, is in relatively final form. If such were not possible he said he thought surely I could be furnished a copy of the screen play to read.

In view of my pending retirement, I would anticipate I will already have departed by the time anything further is firmed up in this regard and if the conditions that I stipulated are met I would have no objection to participating in the documentary. Additionally, I do not feel that it would be detrimental to the Bureau's interest for me to do so and on the contrary could serve to further enhance the Bureau's reputation in the investigative field.

I bring this to the Bureau's attention for information and any advice the Bureau feels might prove helpful to me in resolving this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 6/25/75

FROM : [REDACTED]

John W. J. TOWICZ

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PHILADELPHIA SAC BAKER
TO PARTICIPATE IN TV DOCUMENTARY
REGARDING 1972 BROOKLYN BANK ROBBERY

By airtel dated June 18, 1975, SAC Richard J. Baker of the Philadelphia Office (who is retiring effective early next month) has advised that [REDACTED] of Warner Brothers has telephoned him to solicit his participation in a 30-minute television documentary being filmed by Warner Brothers regarding the August 22, 1972, robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank at Brooklyn, New York.

This bank robbery was the subject of extensive publicity featuring the fact that the two principal subjects took nine hostages into their custody at the bank and demanded jet air transportation from John F. Kennedy International Airport. One of the subjects was fatally shot at the airport by an FBI Agent. The second, widely publicized as a homosexual, was apprehended and presently is serving a 20-year sentence for this crime. A third subject was also convicted and received a two-year sentence in 1973- from which he undoubtedly has since been released, although Identification Division records do not specifically so indicate.

BACKGROUND DATA REGARDING THIS REQUEST:

At the time of this bank robbery, Baker was an SAC of the New York Office, and he participated in the on-the-scene operations which resulted in the freeing of the hostages and the killing of one subject and arrest of his homosexual confederate. Immediately thereafter, he was transferred to FBIHQ where, later in August, 1972, the then Acting Director Gray agreed to Baker's talking to a reporter for "Life" magazine which was doing an article about the case.

Thereafter, approval was given Baker to talk to Warner Brothers which purchased the film rights to the story from "Life" magazine. Baker did hold such discussions in 1973 with persons in the employ of Warner Brothers. Following consultation with the then Inspector Mintz, Baker did, however, refuse to sign a release requested by Warner Brothers--which release was extremely broad in its wording.

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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FILM TO BE RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER, 1975:

In his telephone call to SAC Baker last week, [] of Warner Brothers advised that the film based on the August, 1972, robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank is entitled "Dog Day Afternoon" and that it will be released this September--the premiere to take place in New York City.

With regard to [] request that Baker participate in a 30-minute filmed documentary which will feature interviews of principals in the bank robbery case, Baker asked whether this 30-minute film was intended for use as a promotional device for "Dog Day Afternoon"; and [] told him that it was not intended as a promotional scheme but that it could have some such effect. (It would appear that [] is being much less than candid in this statement since the only apparent reason Warner Brothers would have for spending the money to make this 30-minute film--particularly at this time--would be to promote public interest in the motion picture "Dog Day Afternoon" that is to be released this September.)

Baker told [] that he (Baker) was not aware of how the FBI had been portrayed in the movie; and [] agreed to determine whether Baker could view the motion picture or read a copy of the movie script prior to deciding whether to participate in the 30-minute documentary.

In his airtel of June 18, SAC Baker has advised that he has no objection to participating in the documentary--provided he is shown the movie or the script and finds it acceptable--and he feels that such participation could further enhance the FBI's reputation.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Bureau has, of course, had very friendly relations with Warner Brothers over the years. However, there would appear to be some question of [] candor in denying to Baker that the 30-minute documentatary film is intended as a promotional vehicle for "Dog Day Afternoon."

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In addition, as previously pointed out, one of the three subjects of this case, [redacted], received a two-year sentence after pleading guilty in Federal Court in March, 1973, and should have been released by this time.

LEGAL COUNSEL VIEWS:

Assistant Director Mintz' views have been solicited; and he feels that before agreeing to be interviewed for this documentary film, Baker should obtain an outline of the interview and that the outline should be submitted to FBIHQ so that a determination can be made whether any parts of the interview violate privacy considerations or would be contrary to Bureau policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the imminence of SAC Baker's retirement early in July that you (Mr. Moore) telephone him in Philadelphia and advise him (1) that this 30-minute documentary impresses us as strictly a promotional vehicle and that, for his own information and protection, he may want to receive additional information data about how and where the filmed interview of him will be used, (2) that one of the three subjects in this bank robbery case should, by now, have been released from confinement, (3) that it definitely would be a good idea for him to see the film and/or a copy of the script to be certain the movie does not contain objectionable material before agreeing to the filmed interview, and (4) that he should request an outline of the interview and submit it to FBIHQ for review in advance of his being interviewed.

ADDENDUM OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MOORE/crp 6-26-75

I discussed this matter with SAC Baker this morning and made him aware of the four points of issue that he might want to consider as mentioned above. He said that he had not totally firmed up his participation in the documentary and he would not sign any release if he did submit to this. He stated he would request a copy of the script for review for objectionable material and would also request from Warner Brothers an outline of his interview for submission to the Bureau for our suggestions.

Mr. Baker is still with the F.B.I. I do not believe we should authorize the participation. Too many factors against such an appearance challenge such as appearance of a judgmental decision to

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TO : MR. JENKINS

DATE: 7/10/75

FROM : D.W. MOORE JR.

JOHN WOJTCIOWICZ

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PHILADELPHIA SAC BAKER
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NYC, NY.

By memorandum dated 6/25/75, captioned as above, information was set forth concerning former SAC Baker's receipt of a request from Warner Brothers for him to participate in a 30-minute documentary regarding the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank at Brooklyn, 8/22/72. In conjunction with critique as to whether or not Mr. Baker should accede to this request, Mr. Kelley stated, "Mr. Baker is still with the F.B.I. I do not believe we should authorize the participation. Too many factors against such an appearance challenge such an appearance as a judgmental decision."

This is to record that upon contacting the Philadelphia Office on 7/8/75, it was revealed that while Mr. Baker has ceased active duty, he has been in touch with the Philadelphia Office concerning this matter. Baker has obtained the advice of his own attorney who has advised him against participating in a documentary because of possible libel and/or slander suits and as an ex-FBI official he would have to defend himself at his own expense if he made statements that were subsequently contested. Consequently, Mr. Baker does not intend to accede to the request from Warner Brothers. The gist of Mr. Kelley's comments noted above were relayed to Mr. Baker through the Philadelphia Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - [Redacted] (Rm. 5096 JEH)
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A Bank Heist in Brooklyn

On Film
 "Dog Day Afternoon"

By JOY GOULD BOYUM

On August 22, 1972, the temperature hit 97 degrees at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, just as two men attempted to rob a Brooklyn branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank. Now there's nothing so unusual about a bank robbery—and especially a failed one—that it should warrant page-one coverage in the good, gray "New York Times." But this particular attempted robbery had something special going for it—enough, in fact, not only to make the front page of the "Times" but also to make a movie called "Dog Day Afternoon."

For what happened in the Brooklyn bank was no mere run-of-the-mill hoodlum caper. In the first place, it was probably

one of the longest bank robberies in history, lasting as it did some 14 hours. The police arrived just in time to trap the robbers inside the building and, unfortunately, nine bank employees as well. In exchange for the safety of these nine, the gunmen demanded that they be provided with safe passage to a jet plane which would carry them and their hostages outside the country. And it wasn't until the FBI had arranged for that passage and plane and all had arrived at Kennedy Airport sometime after 5 o'clock the next morning, that the caper reached its dramatic finale.

Second, during its extraordinary length, this attempted robbery quite literally turned the world into a stage. It received eye-witness television and radio coverage; it provided on-the-spot interviews with the perpetrators in the midst of the crime; it attracted great crowds of onlookers, among whom numbered friends and relatives of the robbers and hostages. It offered its own comic relief when the robbers sent out for pizza and insisted on picking up the tab from the cops with \$2,000 of the bank's money. It provided its own little touches of humanity when early on, the robbers released one of their hostages, a security guard, because he had a sick mother and when after the event, the other hostages reported that they had been treated so nicely, the whole thing had seemed like a party.

Third, and perhaps most important of all, the robbers probably had the most distinctive motive of just about any criminals on record. For although one of them, Salvatore Natirella, a 38-year-old who had spent most of his life in jail, seemed to

have been along merely for the loot and excitement, 26-year-old John Wojtowicz, ex-bank teller with no previous police record, Vietnam veteran, and father of two, had attempted to rob the bank in order to get money for a sex change operation for a man he called his wife.

Turning this incredible but true story into a movie called "Dog Day Afternoon" director Sidney Lumet and writer Frank Pierson have tampered very little with the actual circumstances. They have changed names (John Wojtowicz becomes Sonny Wortzik), altered ages (Sal is not a wild kid, but a crazy man), and adjusted some minor details (where John Wojtowicz was separated from his legal wife, Sonny still lives with his). But otherwise, the film-

makers have allowed reality to be their chief scenerist.

But while reality can supply bizarre characters and an exciting plot, it rarely can offer a meaningful interpretation of its own significance. This interpretation has to be supplied by the artist who must shape the reality he has chosen to dramatize with a particular tone and make us see it through his given perspective. The makers of "Dog Day Afternoon" have not, it seems, been able to settle on any single tone for their true-life tale nor have they figured out the significance of its events or the psychology of its characters. And it's not that they haven't tried. It's rather that they seem to have tried too hard, for they offer us too many interpretations at once.

The film starts out as a nutty comedy about inept robbers vying with equally inept police, a situation spiced with colorful hostages and some very funny dialog (references to "My wife, Leon" for instance). But about a third of the way into the movie, sunny, funny day turns into dark, dramatic night and the tone of the film shifts drastically. The camera lingers for fraught-with-significance close-ups of Sonny and the script introduces some material about Sonny's life (we meet his mother, his legal wife, and Leon), all to suggest that the real interest of "Dog Day Afternoon" is what is going on inside Sonny's head. But as suggestive and sensitive as actor Al Pacino may be in the role of Sonny, we never do get into the workings of the character's apparently complicated mind. And even less do we understand of John Cazale's Sal who comes across simply as a pathetic and highly strung lunatic. Another possible central theme that the film touches on is the cruelty and incomp-

petence of the police. The two major law enforcement figures are a redneck city detective (Charles Durning) whose comical handling of the event makes for amusing daytime diversion and a stony-faced, manipulative FBI agent (James Broderick) whose machinations make for nighttime's dark drama. Their colleagues are equally unappetizing in their personalities and equally suspect in their tactics. Cops in the street, surrounded by throngs of civilians, keep their guns dangerously poised and an FBI agent, at the end of the film, risks the lives of the hostages in his zeal to thwart the robbers. But if the police had more moderate alternatives, we are never told what they might have been.

Finally, there is the film's treatment of the temperament of the crowd as a potential focus of interest. A mob of people is shown first cheering Sonny as though he were a hero and then jeering at him when his wife, Leon (intelligently portrayed by Chris Sarandon), appears on the scene and Sonny's homosexuality is revealed. But the

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film doesn't stay with the crowd long enough or treat it with enough depth either to allow it to take center stage or to allow us to discover any more about its psychology than was already made clear in newspaper accounts of that time.

And so while "Dog Day Afternoon" offers the inherent entertainment of its unique true life story, a feel for its authentic Brooklyn ambience, and some outstanding performances as well, it never really transforms itself into a unified and significant work in its own right. And what we are left with is merely a "slice of life" and a decidedly overdone one at that.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808). DATE: JAN 4 1977

FROM : *h/z* ADIC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ aka
John Wojtowicz,
Joseph P. Goodman:

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450 AVENUE P
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For information of the Bu, this case has been maintained in a pending inactive status in the NY Division awaiting court authorization for destruction of weapons which were being retained as evidence.

On 10/21/ 76, US District Judge JACK B. WEINSTEIN, EDNY, issued a court order authorizing the destruction of a Mossberg Model 500AB 12 gauge shotgun, serial number C73933 and a British 303 Rifle, model 4MKI (F) FTR, serial number 149-BA10136, which had been retained as evidence. The aforementioned weapons were transmitted to the FBI Lab under a cover letter, dated 12/16/76. Inasmuch as all evidence in this matter has been disposed of, this case is being placed in a closed status in the NYO.

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